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British Permit Egyptians To Move Oil And Petrol

LATEST SITUATION IN SUEZ CANAL ZONE

Cairo, Oct. 24.

The British military authorities today lifted for 24 hours their ban on the movement of oil and petrol by Egyptians through the Suez Canal Zone.

The first long column of petrol lorries started moving along the Suez Canal road after the order had been received by British military guards.

But all other road and railway traffic is still held up by British troops at road-blocks on the Suez-Cairo and Ismailia-Cairo roads and on railway lines out of the Canal Zone.

No reason was given for lifting the petrol ban but a British military spokesman said that it would be subject now to daily review. It was imposed yesterday because the Egyptian railways failed to meet the British Army requirements in the Canal Zone.

The direct Suez to Cairo pipeline was not affected by the ban but oil from the Suez is used throughout Egypt.

CONVOY FIRED AT

Six shots were fired at a British convoy today somewhere between Ismailia and Kassassin, about 20 miles to the north, the spokesman said.

Further details had not yet reached Headquarters, the spokesman added.

A British Navy communiqué said that the Egyptian Government was refusing clearance to British ships working for the British forces in the Canal Zone.

The Navy is now issuing these ships with certificates stating that clearance has been illegally withheld and that they are entitled to sail in accordance with their orders.

No British ships had been delayed, the communiqué said. At Suez, Egyptians who install and operate the Canal and transmitting lights in the bows day and night convoys were of merchant ships have refused.

to fix or work these lights in British ships.

"This appears to have been caused by a trumped up incident and intimidation campaign," the communiqué said. "Arrangements have been made to provide British ships with the necessary lights."

DISPENSATION

The Suez Canal Company announced tonight that all ships may now use the great waterway at their own risk without taking on the usual company pilots.

A company spokesman said that ships might pass through the Canal as usual but the company declined all responsibility for vessels which did so without a company pilot.

An Egyptian Customs official at Port Said has asked the company to deny pilots to ships which have not been cleared by the Egyptians—meaning ships working for the Canal Zone British, he said.

The company's local agent told the official that the company was neither qualified nor had the means to meet such a request.

The Canal Company had received no notification from the Egyptian Government stating that it was restricting the free use of the Canal or of discriminating between its users, the spokesman said.

Canal traffic had been unaffected by recent events and night convoys were proceeding normally.—Reuter.

Tomorrow's Election Coverage

Two editions of the China Mail will be published tomorrow, bringing to readers as many of the latest General Election results as are available.

It is hoped to be able to give in the second edition the state of the parties as at 4.30 a.m. GMT (1.30 p.m. HK Summer Time). If this is possible, readers will then know the results of about 40 percent of the total number of contests.

The first edition tomorrow will be on sale shortly after 11.30 a.m., and the second shortly after 3 p.m.

BAD LIQUOR KILLS 27

Atlanta, Oct. 24.

Police searched the city for the distributor who sold a quantity of lethal liquor made of fuel and water that claimed the lives of at least 27 imbibers.

Police said they believed that the list will go possibly as high as 35 before the final count is taken.

The official casualty figure however was scaled down when duplications between hospital and police records were disclosed. All but two of the dead were negroes.

Sound trucks blaring recordings of the song "Bad Whisky" roamed the negro sections of the city, warning the populace against further consumption.

As of noon, Grady Hospital reported it was treating 207 persons. Scores of others who had mixed a drink of anything alcoholic recently that had not come from a liquor store added to the hospital confusion by showing up for examinations.—United Press.

Anglo-Iranian Oil Talks May Resume

'ENCOURAGING SIGNS' REPORTED

Washington, Oct. 24.

Iranian officials today reported "encouraging" signs that negotiations with Britain over oil may be resumed.

The Iranians reported new "hopeful" indications as the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, conferred with Iran's visiting Premier, Dr. Mohammad Mossadegh.

The Iranian sources said that the surprise order by Dr. Mossadegh for Kazem Hassibi, Iranian Government oil expert, to fly here from Tehran, makes the situation "look hopeful and encouraging."

They said that Hassibi's orders were to "be here as soon as possible."

State Department officials pointed out that Hassibi is the key Government member of the 13-man Iranian Oil Commission created some time ago to take over the British oil fields and the Abadan refinery.

Dr. Mossadegh's move suggested that he had received new proposals to break the deadlock during Tuesday's Blair House meeting with President Truman, Mr. Acheson and other United States Government officials.

Mr. Acheson conferred shortly after 4 p.m. GMT with frail, 72-year-old Mossadegh at Walter Reed Hospital where he was resting in the presidential suite.

NOT FULLY INFORMED

Mr. Acheson was accompanied by the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. George C. McGhee, Department Policy Planning Chief Paul Nitze, and Colonel Vernon Walters, an interpreter. There is immediate speculation that British officials might be brought into the talks if the present conferences bring out any hope of resuming the negotiations which were broken off last month at Tehran.

British officials indicated, however, that they have not yet been fully informed of the results of the talks so far.

The officials expressed the hope that the United States would find some "reasonable" attitude on Dr. Mossadegh's part which would make it possible to reopen the negotiations.

Mr. Acheson arrived at Mossadegh's suite at 4.05 p.m. GMT. The two men and their advisers were photographed and the important conference then began.—United Press.

ELECTION FACTOR

Washington, Oct. 24.

Persia's leading oil expert, Kazem Hassibi, is coming to Washington from Tehran "as soon as possible."

This announcement, made here today, caused some slight increase in optimism about the chances of new Anglo-Persian oil talks and strengthened the likelihood that the Persian Prime Minister, Dr. Mossadegh, will extend his stay in the United States until next week.

It has become apparent in talks here that Dr. Mossadegh is unlikely to agree to a formula for the resumption of Anglo-Persian negotiations until he knows what sort of British Government he will have to deal with after the general elections.

So far there has been no indication that Dr. Mossadegh is willing to discuss with the British any other subjects than the payment of compensation for the nationalized oil installations and the sale of oil.

Authoritative sources here denied reports that an agreement had been reached between the Persians and the Americans about resuming negotiations.

It was also denied that the United States had submitted a new plan for the production and distribution of Persian oil. "Authoritative" sources said that there was no connection between the proposed American Export-Import Bank's credit of \$25,000,000 for the development of Persia's roads and current discussions over the oil industry. They pointed out that the credit already been approved in principle, provided only for the purchase of specified agricultural and road machinery in America and the payment of American engineers to assist in Persia.—Reuter.

Going Ahead Without Egypt

MIDDLE EAST DEFENCE SYSTEM

Paris, Oct. 24.

France, Britain, the United States and Turkey will inform Israel and all Arab states except Egypt that they intend to go ahead with a Middle East defence system in spite of Egypt's refusal to take part, a French Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

French, British, American and Turkish representatives in the Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Transjordan, Saudi Arabia, the Yemen and Israel will inform the governments of these countries "within the next 48 hours" of their intention to proceed with a defence system designed to protect Middle East countries, the spokesman said.

Later, when the defence system had been set up these states will be asked to give their opinion on it and some may perhaps be asked to join.

There was no intention of asking any of these states to join at the moment in place of Egypt, said the spokesman.

The setting up of a Middle East command might not be expected to start for a few weeks yet, the French spokesman added.—Reuter.

TOO COSTLY

Paris, Oct. 24.

Mahmoud Hammadi, first secretary of the Egyptian Embassy here, said today that Egypt refused to join the proposed Middle East Defence Command "because it would cost us more than the present British military occupation."

Mr. Hammadi predicted to newsmen that all other members of the Arab League would follow Egypt's example should they be invited to join such a command.

"I believe they would do so not only as a gesture of solidarity but also because the Moslem states are in no position to face the burden of such defensive measures," he said.

He added that Egypt's chief concern was to obtain full sovereignty "through peaceful means and in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter"—United Press.

PREMIER RESIGNS

London, Oct. 24.

Cyprus Radio reported tonight that the Prime Minister of Syria had presented his resignation in a Cabinet crisis over the Allied Middle Eastern defence plans.

Britain Today Will Choose Between These Two Men And Their Parties



Fair Weather Promised Voters For Today's General Election

London, Oct. 25.

Britain will vote today to decide whether she will have a third postwar Labour Government or bring 76-year-old Winston Churchill back to power.

The crises with Persia and Egypt have impinged on the election but the dominating topic has been the cost of living.

Prime Minister Aneurin Bevan claims that costs have risen mainly through world causes, but that his Government has kept them lower in Britain than in other countries and raised the living standards of the majority of the people.

Churchill's Conservative Party supports the £4,700 million arms programme but criticises Labour generally for mismanagement and extravagance and condemns its nationalisation policy.

The rival leaders last night were both suffering from colds. Mr. Churchill caught his speaking on Tuesday.

Mrs. Aileen told Reuter that her husband had a "head cold," but that it was not embarrassing him unduly.

Results in the 319 constituencies will be declared on the night of the polling up to about 4 a.m. GMT.

In 207 constituencies counting will take place in the daytime of Friday.

Yesterday the weather was cold and clear with a cheerful autumnal sun filtering through the London smog. The weather prophets have given some good cheer, promising good weather for today and "fair" weather means heavy polling.

But despite party forecasts the atmosphere in the country today does not seem to be propitious for any phenomenal "landslide" in the poll.

Political observers claim that Labour came to power with a thumping majority in 1945 in the first flush of victory in the hope of settling down to a period of peace and in the expectation of the millennium which Socialist Labour promised the underdogs.

But the pull of war did not lift so easily and the end of the world war almost imperceptibly glided into rearmament for a new war. Taxes remained, controls remained, shortages remained. The workers did benefit a good deal from the National Health and National Insurance measures of the Labour Government, but the middle classes, comprising the "White Collar" workers and the professionals, found it difficult to adjust themselves to the new workers' paradise and found themselves squeezed and came out worst from the very rich and the very poor.

While the workers remained solidly behind the Labour

Government in 1950 this middle-class vote swung back to Conservatism as in their opinion a Tory Government would mean less taxes, more goods in the shops under private enterprise and, generally, a more "bourgeois" outlook where the more educated professional classes would come into their own.

This trend was evident in the clear-cut two-party position that emerged in 1950 with the Liberals almost completely out of the picture and the extreme Communists completely eliminated.

But political psychologists today see no probability of any such swing. What remained with Labour in 1950 can be taken to be the hard core of the social welfare movement which will still be loyal. The bulk of this support is from the trade unions which comprise almost half the 34,000,000 voters.

Assuming that the Conservative supporters remain equally loyal on their side in today's polling it is difficult to see any marked swing in the party positions as a result of today's votes.—Reuter.

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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Motorists And The Law

THE most important part of the business transacted at yesterday's meeting of Legislative Council was of special significance to Hongkong motorists. A Bill was introduced to provide for compulsory third party insurance, and a resolution passed permitting guilty pleas to be made by letter to a magistrate for what are regarded as minor traffic offences. The China Mail has long advocated the desirability of compulsory third party insurance, believing it to be cautionary as well as protective in effect. Penalties laid down for accidents caused by bad or reckless driving involving injury to third parties should be a sufficient deterrent to road hogs who imagine that they can escape liability for compensation; at the same time the indemnity rights of innocent victims of road accidents are fully safeguarded. In principle and practice, compulsory third party insurance elsewhere has proved its worth, and we see no good reason why it should not operate effectively in Hongkong. The acting Attorney-General dwelt at some length on the Colony's traffic problems and his review was commendable, notably because it put the whole question of handling vehicular and pedestrian traffic into new perspective. We believe the thinking public are highly conscious and appreciative of the manner in which the Traffic Department has rationalised, and to a considerable degree, resolved the problem of controlling and directing all types of traffic within the Colony's congested areas. There will be general agreement that the marked reduction in accident figures testifies to the efficacy of the control system which has been developed since the war. It can also fairly be observed that motorists generally, and an increasing number of pedestrians, appreciate and do their best to conform to the rules of the road. It must be confessed, however, that the incidence of traffic offences continues to be inordinately high, and the Traffic Department has a right to expect more co-operation on the part of the public in reducing the figures. Government has, very properly, taken cognisance of

criticism directed against the abnormally long intervals which now occur between the serving of summonses and court prosecutions, especially for motoring offences which can rightly be considered technical or trivial. The establishment of a magistrate's court to deal almost exclusively with such offences should help to correct the situation, and where an offender to a minor infringement of the regulations is prepared to plead guilty, it is reasonable enough that he should be permitted to do so by letter to the magistrate. Somewhat too vague is the suggestion that he should enclose "enough money to pay the probable fine." Does this mean the defendant is to make his own estimate of penalty which his offence merits? It is suggested that handling of minor traffic offences would be even more facilitated if standard fines were announced for specified infringements such as parking in an unauthorised area, obstruction, and failure to display prominently car licences. A motorist summoned for any of these, and satisfied that he was guilty, would then be in a position to enclose the proper fine in his letter to the magistrate. We have, in the past, advocated that the Traffic Department should make use of the sticker system. This enables a car owner, who has returned to his vehicle after an absence to know immediately that he has committed an offence, and the sticker serves as a summons. The procedure would be especially effective in cases of illegal parking or obstruction. Where a motorist was in attendance of his car at the time of the offence he could be served with a docket written out on the spot by the police officer. This too would obviate the necessity of issuing a summons from the Traffic Department. We applaud Government's latest endeavours to speed up handling of non-indictable traffic regulations infringements, but there appears still to be room for simplifying the system whereby summonses are issued for what are quite definitely minor offences.

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VATICAN EMBASSY PROTEST

Chicago, Oct. 24. The National Association of Evangelicals said that Protestants will gather on church steps across the nation on Sunday to direct a mass protest against the proposed Embassy at the Vatican.

Sunday is Reformation Sunday, marking Martin Luther's break with the Roman Catholic Church in 1517.

The Association said that by united action, Protestants aim to forestall Senatorial approval of President Truman's projected appointment of General Mark Clark as U.S. Ambassador to Vatican City.

At the Protestant churches, signatures will be collected for petitions which will be forwarded to Senator Tom Connally, Texas Democrat, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Telegrams also will be sent to Mr. Truman and members of the Senate.

The Association describes itself as having a membership of 15,000,000 persons and a service constituency of 10,000,000 persons not represented by the National Council of Churches.—Associated Press.

VATICAN REACTION

Vatican City, Oct. 24. Church sources indicated tonight that the United States had jeopardised its good reputation with the Holy See by the manner in which the nomination of America's first Ambassador to the Vatican had been handled.

Communist newspapers have been having a field day at the expense of the Vatican and the United States concerning what they term the nomination of a "fighting general in uniform" to a "new espionage centre".

Church quarters expressed embarrassment at the way General Mark Clark's name was tossed in just before the adjournment of Congress, then withdrawn by the President. This added to the fact that General Clark would remain on active Army status, undermined the Vatican's own intensive campaign in welcoming diplomatic relations between the United States and the Holy See, according to sources.—United Press.

Countess Dies

London, Oct. 24. Two members of Britain's nobility, one of them American-born, died on Wednesday.

The Countess of Sandwich, daughter of the late William Sturgess of New York, died at her home in Hinchbrook, The 87-year-old Marquess of Bristol died at his home in Bury St. Edmunds.

The Countess married the Earl, now 78, in 1903. During World War II they entertained 50 Americans at tea each week.

During the 18th Century, the fourth Earl of Sandwich, an enthusiastic gambler, invented the snack which bears his name. It was a beef sandwich which enabled him to eat without leaving the gaming tables.—Associated Press.

American Infantry Using 75-mm Recoilless Rifle



It's fingers to ears when the 75-mm recoilless rifle goes into action on the Korean front. The troops are United States infantrymen and the picture was taken on the eastern sector.—London Express.

The Female Of The Species...

Neustadt, Oct. 24. Two elderly sisters here quarrelled about their shares in a will and decided to settle it with a duel with brooms.

The younger one, aged 60, won after a heavy blow which broke her sister's arm.—Reuter.

PURGE OF BULGARIAN FARMERS

Vienna, Oct. 24.

The Communist journal indicated today that the Bulgarian Government is cracking down severely on that nation's farmers.

This week's issue of the journal says the Bulgarian Communist Party has adopted decisions to "eliminate serious shortcomings" in Bulgaria's agricultural production.

The journal's article listed these weak spots in Bulgaria's farming:

"Shortcomings in organisation and remuneration of labour; insufficient promotion of youth and women to leading spots; lack of proper co-operative work; serious violations of rules; work of party organisations falls short of tasks; patronage of co-operatives by the working people of the towns is poorly developed."

The new measures call for severe punishment of all violators and "resolute elimination of ineffective leaders, who are to be replaced by people who are capable, in true Bolshevik style, of reorganising co-operative economy," the journal said.—Associated Press.

End Of War Proclaimed

Washington, Oct. 24.

President Truman today formally proclaimed the end of the state of war between the United States and Germany.

The President's action followed a joint Congressional resolution ending the war.

The proclamation said that the war which was declared in December, 1941, was terminated on October 19, 1951, the date the resolution was passed.

President Truman said that United States policy was aimed at making a peace treaty with a "united and free Germany."

"But efforts to this end have been frustrated and made impossible for the time being by the policy of the Soviet Government," he said.—Reuter.

Morrison Letter To Acheson On The Middle East

Washington, Oct. 24.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, has urged the prompt appointment of a Commander-in-Chief for the proposed Middle East Command.

He has suggested that the command should be based on Cyprus.

Well-informed sources here said that the proposals were contained in an exchange of letters between Mr Morrison and the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, last week.

In his secret letter addressed personally to Mr Acheson, Mr Morrison said that the British Government was determined to maintain its position in the Suez Canal at all costs.

He warned that if the Egyptian Government were to attempt to blockade British forces there, plans would be put into operation for a counter-blockade to guarantee their safety and to protect the people of the Sudan.

The Egyptian decision to abrogate the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty would not deflect the British Government and would not deflect other governments concerned from proceeding with the plans for a Middle Eastern command.

He acknowledged that the Egyptian attitude would naturally prevent the headquarters of the new command being housed in Egypt according to the original Western Allied plan.

As an alternative, Mr Morrison suggested Cyprus.

NO DELAY

He urged the prompt appointment of a Commander-in-Chief for the Middle East and said that there should be no delay because of recent Egyptian actions.

Mr Morrison did not ask for any military aid from the United States to meet the situation but merely its moral support.

It was after receipt of this letter that Mr Acheson last week issued his statements strongly condemning Egypt's rejection of the Middle East Command proposals and her abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936 and the Sudan condominium agreement of 1899.

In a personal reply to Mr Morrison, Mr Acheson was understood to have assured him of United States moral support and also to have stressed the importance of taking Arab opinion into consideration and of carefully examining any steps other than those "probably necessary."

It is understood that Mr Morrison sent a similar letter to the French Foreign Minister, Mr Robert Schuman, who replied endorsing his views.—Reuter.

Threatened Rift In Sterling Area Worrying UK

Government Urged To Take Speedy Action

London, Oct. 24.

Anxiety was mounting here today over the threat of a rift in the Sterling Area and fear that some prominent members may walk out.

Unofficial Australian moves for separation from the joint dollar pool of the area were held in authoritative quarters as the first indication that the Sterling set-up was in a grave peril.

The growing British deficit and the ensuing weakness of Sterling were blamed for the uneasy situation, and experts urged the Government to take the speediest possible measures to stem the threatening tide while there was still time.

The anxiety was caused specifically by a suggestion from Australia's leading economist, Sir Douglas Copland, whose advice the Government is known to have frequently followed on previous occasions, that the Dominion should free itself from the fetters of the Sterling Area's dollar pool.

There is so far has been no formal or official approach to that effect. But it was noted in informed quarters here that the suggestion followed closely the disclosure by the British Treasury of a steep rise in the Sterling balances. Moves for greater independence were said to have been intimated also from Ceylon.

The whole issue probably will come under close consideration when top level experts from the Commonwealth countries meet here in November to discuss the area's payments problems.

NEED FOR LOANS

The proposal from Sir Douglas was interpreted to imply that Australia should no longer pay in her dollar surplus to the common pool of the Sterling Area countries and consequently not rely any longer on the dollar releases from it.

Finance Ministers of the Commonwealth countries will meet in January to take appropriate decisions.

The proposed plan is motivated according to the latest reports, by Australia's growing need for American loans to finance her immigration schemes and by the assumption that American investment capital might flow into the country more readily under such arrangements.

Acceptance of the Australian plan, experts say, would mean that Australia would in the future extend less credit to Britain than previously.

EXPENDITURE UP

Australia reminded that a few years ago she had a deficit with the Sterling Area and was its debtor.

The Treasury disclosed earlier this month that the Sterling balances of the United Kingdom have risen in the first half of the current year by £225,000,000 to a record total of £4,188,000,000.

Of this more than £3,000,000,000 was owned by Commonwealth countries.

In addition to Britain's dollar spending overseas, the Sterling Area dollar spending has lately also increased considerably.

By the middle of this year, the dollar expenditure of the overseas Sterling Area, exclusive of Britain, was running about 60 per cent above last year's.—United Press.

COLLINS IN P.I.

Manila, Oct. 24.

General J. Lawton Collins, United States Army Chief of Staff, arrived today on his way to Formosa, Okinawa, Tokyo and Korea.

He will inspect Philippine Army training centres on Thursday and leave by air for Formosa on Friday.—Associated Press.

Worst Bush Fire In 40 Years

Darwin, Oct. 24.

Fire-fighters combatting the biggest bush fire in Australia's history face a fearful task, said Mr A. S. Bingle, senior executive of the great meat firm of Vestey's, who returned from the fire area.

"They are working in a temperature of 100 degrees and their faces and arms are blistered with the heat. They are dropping down in the burnt grass to sleep," Mr Bingle said.

Mr Bingle said that in 40 years' experience of the northern territory he had never seen a fire to compare with the present one in intensity.

"People have no conception of the tremendous destruction being wrought," he added.

The fire has already burned out 1,250,000 acres of the Northern Territory and is raging along a 200-mile front in the Victoria River district.

Stock losses are unknown but are believed to be enormous. In New South Wales, bush-fires in the past week caused at least £2,000,000 damage.—United Press.

ELIZABETH TO VISIT KENYA

London, Oct. 24.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Kenya in Africa on their way to Australia early next year, Buckingham Palace announced tonight.

The announcement said the Royal couple would fly directly from London to Nairobi and after a visit of a few days would board the ship at Mombasa for Ceylon, which they will visit en route.

Courier circles said the Princess and the Duke would not stop at Gibraltar, Malta and Aden as King George had planned to do before his trip had to be cancelled.—United Press.

Sequel To War Tragedy

Berlin, Oct. 24.

A Communist East Berlin Court today freed a man who said he killed his two small children out of fear of the approaching Russian troops.

The man intended to strangle his wife and hang himself but lost his nerve, he added.

In acquitting the defendant, the court ruled that the man was "unaccountable for his actions in those terrible times."—Associated Press.

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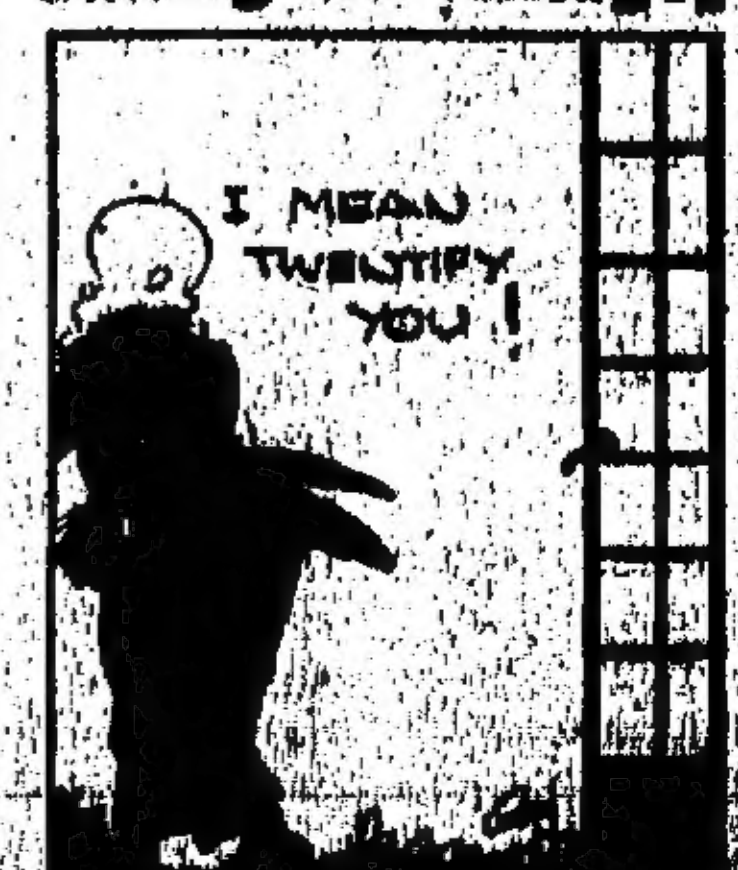
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Power Politics Attacked

Zagreb, Oct. 24.—Dr. Josip Vidmar, President of the Yugoslav National Committee, today attacked the power politics of the United Nations, saying that the world would be at best a new device of the world, in which the great powers would find it difficult to control the small ones.

He said that the only way to achieve peace was by the United States and all the nations of the world together.

Mr. Vidmar had earlier accused followers of the Soviet-sponsored World Peace Congress of being afraid of the discussion because they had failed to reply to Yugoslav invitations to attend this congress.

He said that the Communists had already referred to it as a "gathering of warmongers."

Mr. Vidmar is considered to have stated the Yugoslav version of the neutralist case—peace based on the United Nations with all countries, big and small, having an equal say outside large blocs.—Reuter.

Reds In Cyprus Back Egypt

Nicosia, Oct. 24.—The Politburo of the Cyprus Communist Party tonight issued a declaration of solidarity with the Egyptian people fighting for the ideals of peace, democracy and national independence.

The declaration said that the people of Cyprus, "struggling also for their national freedom—union with Greece—salute the brother peoples of the Middle East who are fighting for the same ideals."—Reuter.

GANG ARRESTED

Manipur, Oct. 24.—Indian Army men and police, after a two-hour gun battle, arrested a gypsy gang which had terrorised a frontier village and had installed its leader as "God" in the local temple.

The villagers were forced to offer money and grain to the leader of the gang, who threatened murder and arson.—Reuter.

Princess Elizabeth's Visit To Wounded



A Canadian veteran of Korea whose right arm has been amputated smiles as Princess Elizabeth talks to him during her visit to Toronto Veterans' Hospital. The medals pinned to his pillow indicate he is a veteran of other wars also.—London Express.

Vanity Held Them Up

Tuebingen, Oct. 24.—Officials of the municipal swimming pool here found that it took women visitors an average of 13 to 15 minutes to get changed.

Someone had the idea of removing the mirrors from the cubicles, and women now take only six minutes to change.—Reuter.

Seized Men Released

Manila, Oct. 24.—The last member of a group of registration supervisors kidnapped on September 28 who was still held by Communist Huk, was released on Tuesday night, the Philippines News Service reported.

Alfredo Galang, a barrio lieutenant in Arayat, Pampanga province, north of Manila, was abducted together with other supervisors from precincts in the Arayat area on the first registration day on which voters qualified for the November elections.

The others, all teachers, were released on October 17 after being told to keep away from the elections.

Communist Huk have made known their intention of sabotaging the elections for nine Senators, provincial governors and city mayors through a campaign of terror. The murder of 43 persons since mid-September has been attributed mainly to them.—Associated Press.

Battles In Tonkin Help To Increase Exports Of Rice

Hanoi, Oct. 24.

The French Union defence of the Tonkin delta is already helping to increase Indo-China's rice export surplus for hungry Asia.

In 1950, the southern rich rice-growing province of Cochinchina sent Tonkin's 6,000,000 population inside the French-held delta bridgehead 73,463 tons of rice. This year, shipments so far have been 15,306 tons, a reduction of 58,147 tons.

No more is expected to be shipped this year because the Tonkin rice harvest from an estimated 500,000 hectares (one hectare equals 2½ acres) will be coming in before the end of October.

The substantial reduction in shipments to Tonkin has increased the official French and Vietnamese estimates of Indo-China's rice export surplus from 300,000 tons to 350,000 tons.

When Indo-China had no Communist-led Vietminh nationalist resistance forces before World War II, Indo-China used to send an annual average of 1,500,000 tons to her Asian neighbours and French possessions.

So far this year, about 250,000 tons have been shipped abroad to French possessions and Asian neighbours, such as Hongkong and Malaya. Estimated rice production from the battle-torn rice-fields of Tonkin this year is 455,000 tons. Before the war, Tonkin produced nearly 1,000,000 tons a year. But it seldom had an important rice surplus.

RESULT OF CAMPAIGN

French and Vietnamese officials say that the improvement in the food position of the Tonkin region is part of the evolution in recent months of the bitter guerrilla war for the human and material resources of this strategic "frontline" province along China's southern frontier.

A big force of Vietminh guerrillas, organised in regional units, moved into the Tonkin delta late last year to help find rice, manufactured goods, salt and reinforcements for the Vietminh field army, according to the French Army headquarters.

They infiltrated as the Vietminh field army, trained and equipped in South China, struck heavy blows at the widely-dispersed French frontier posts, forcing the French to pull back their defence line round the flat rice-producing delta.

Early in 1951, the Vietminh field army followed up its border successes with attacks on the newly-organised northern delta periphery defence line. They aimed at trapping the French and taking at least a share of the delta rice-fields, opening the way for easy access to their productive guerrillas.

DECISIVE BATTLES

But at the battles of Vinhyan in January and Moutche in March, the reorganised French forces under General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny threw back the Vietminh.

The two battles sealed off the Vietminh field army in the mountains from their guerrillas in the delta rice-fields. In the fighting, villagers moved out of the periphery zone, where they were likely to be hit by artillery or petrol jelly bombs.

A 10-kilometre wide (about six miles) No-Man's-Land was created, where guerrillas taking rice and other resources to the Vietminh field army could be easily spotted and pounded.

TACTICAL ATOM BOMBS MAKE THEIR BOW

New York, Oct. 24.

The newest additions to the United States atomic arsenal are, relatively speaking, "baby atom bombs," Mr William Laurence, science editor, wrote in the New York Times today.

Mr Laurence, recognised as one of the best-informed writers on nuclear fission, said that until now atomic weapons could not be designed to explode with a power below 20,000 tons of T.N.T.

The newest weapons, however, were designed to explode with any desired force, from as few as 20 to as high as several hundred or even several thousand tons in terms of T.N.T.

Mr Laurence said that last Monday, when the first test of a small atom bomb was made at Nevada, would go down in history as the day on which the tactical atom bomb, for use against armies in the field and tailor-made to meet any situation, made its official bow.

Physicists attending the current 20th anniversary meeting of the American Institute of Physics in Chicago, Mr Laurence reported, regarded Monday's test as probably the most important development in the military application of atomic energy since the test explosion of the first atom bomb on the desert in New Mexico on July 16, 1945.

That event marked the entry on the world stage of the atom bomb as a strategic weapon for use against large industrial cities.

In the light of Monday's test, Mr Laurence said, the words of Mr Gordon Dean, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, two weeks ago, assumed a new significance, for there could be no question that Mr Dean spoke of the new weapons now being tested.

"We have reached the stage (Mr Dean said) where we can begin to reach the tactical needs of the armed services..."—Reuter.

UNUSUAL STEP

Las Vegas, Oct. 24.—The Atomic Energy Commission will set off TNT explosions today at its Nevada proving grounds preliminary to testing another of the United States' new nuclear weapons.

Taking an unusual step for a non-atomic blast, the A.E.C. asked the Civil Aeronautics Administration to warn all aeroplanes away from the area this morning.

The warning led to speculation that some of the A.E.C.'s own B-29 bombers will be involved today, perhaps dropping conventional type bombs.

The second atomic blast in the current test series may come as a bomb drop. The first, a low-grade explosion last Monday, was from a 100-foot tower.

The "dry" or "non-nuclear" run, the A.E.C. has said, is important to scientists who must calibrate instruments and experiments with sound and shock waves before the atomic experiments. It added that there will be no atomic explosion today.

The C.A.A. also ordered aircraft to avoid the altitudes of 11,000 and 14,000 feet between Las Vegas and Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Civil Aeronautics Administration said that planes are to move eastward on odd thousands and westward on even thousands, indicating that perhaps some sort of shuttle or round-trip movement of aeroplanes between the two cities will be involved in the A.E.C. operation.—Reuter.

P. & O. Use Algiers

Algiers, Oct. 24.—The British ships Carthage and Cortu, on the India and China run, called here instead of Egyptian ports today to take on fuel and water.—Reuter.

DOCK STRIKE SPREADING

Hamburg, Oct. 24.—The Communist-led wildcat strike of Hamburg and Bremen dockhands spread today, idling 4,500 workers and tying up 50 ships.

The dockers' union called the strike Communist-inspired, began three days ago when 1,000 dockhands refused to go along with the union in accepting an offer less than the requested wage increase.

The union had asked for an increase of about five cents (U.S.) an hour and was granted two cents. The average wage is 36 cents (U.S.) an hour.—United Press.

Queen's Tribute

London, Oct. 24.—The Queen told an audience of doctors and medical students in London today that the King continued to make very steady progress after his operation.

"Words cannot describe our gratitude for the devoted and loving care with which the King has been nursed," the Queen added.—Reuter.

TALKS ON FISHERIES COVENTION

Washington, Oct. 24.

The State Department announced today that the United States will participate in a three-Power meeting next month in Tokyo where a North Pacific fisheries convention will be negotiated.

Invitations to the conference were issued by the Japanese Government to Canada and the United States.

Informal discussions of the fisheries situation have been under way for several months among the three Governments.

The Department pointed out that the Japanese invitation was issued in accordance with an article of the recently signed peace treaty. The announcement said that "provision was made in that article for Japan promptly to begin negotiations with the Allied powers so differing for the conclusion of agreements providing for the regulation of or limiting of fishing and conservation and development of fisheries on the high seas."—United Press.

CANADA ACCEPTS

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—Canada has accepted an invitation from Japan to take part in talks on a Pacific fisheries convention in Tokyo on November 5, the Fisheries Department announced today.

The talks will be between the United States, Japan and Canada.

The Canadian Fisheries Minister, Mr W. R. Mayhew, will head his country's delegation.

Under her peace treaty Japan agreed to enter promptly into negotiations for the regulation of fishing and conservation and development of fisheries.—Reuter.

Practically The End

Washington, Oct. 24.—President Truman told the National Guards Association today that a third World War would be practically the end of civilisation.

"And I think everyone around would appreciate that," President Truman said.

The President said, "We've been through two world wars. We are bent to prevent a third one."

He added, "One of these days, the Charter of the United Nations will be implemented."—United Press.

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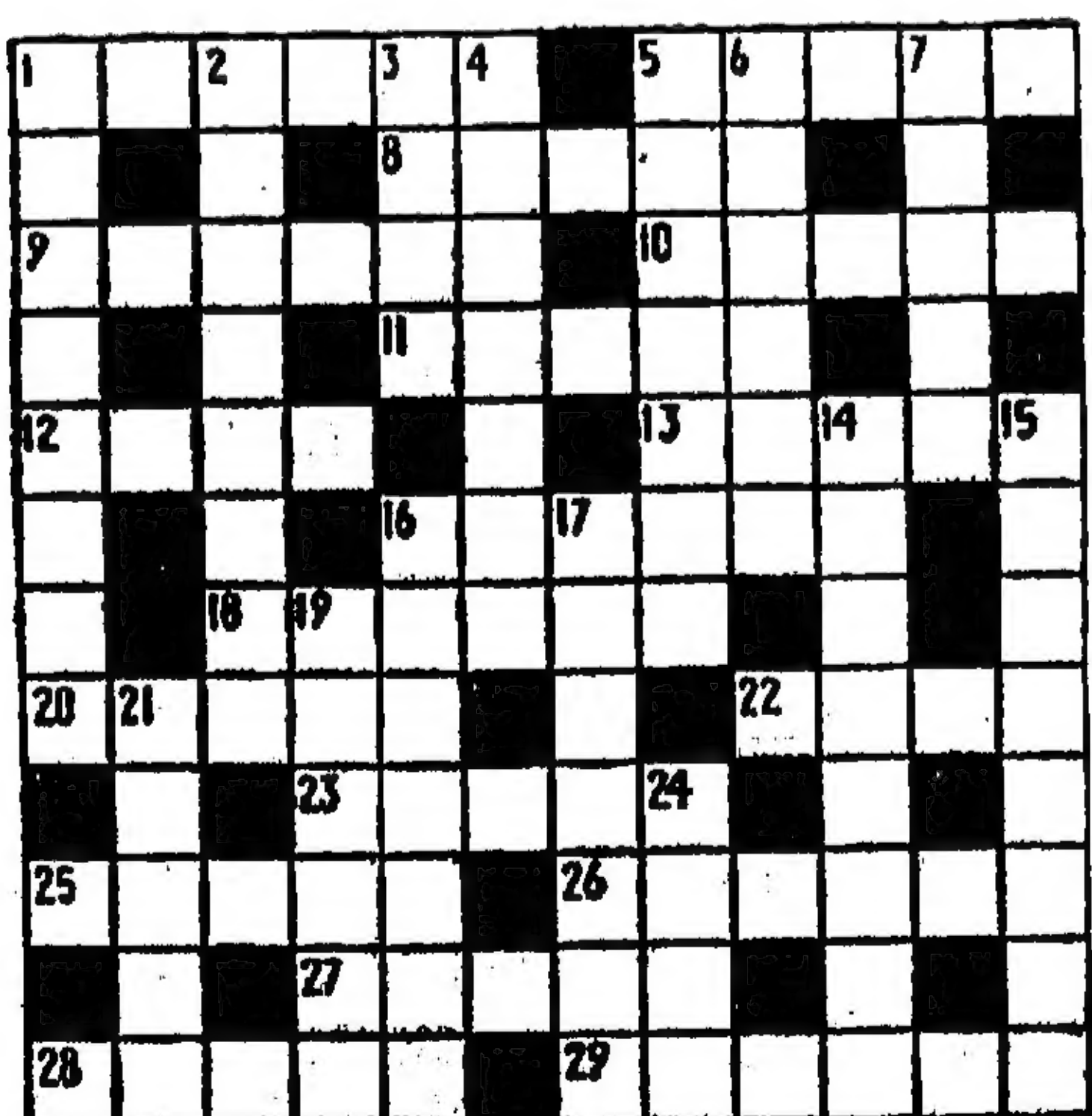
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ACROSS

- 1 Mumble (6).
- 6 Equipped (5).
- 8 Go into deeply (5).
- 9 Free (6).
- 10 Tales of heroism (5).
- 11 Diadem (5).
- 12 In addition (4).
- 13 Right of possession (5).
- 16 Withdraw (5).
- 18 Shift (6).
- 20 Fruit (6).
- 22 Spoken (4).
- 23 Tries out (5).
- 25 In-jam (5).
- 26 Plundered (6).
- 27 Anesthetic (6).
- 29 Dribbles (6).

DOWN

- 1 Went abroad (6).
- 2 Carry out (8).
- 3 Revive (4).
- 4 Dwells (7).
- 5 Worded off (7).
- 6 Made return (6).
- 7 Surpass (5).
- 14 Dire (8).
- 15 Delonates (6).
- 16 Ruddy (7).
- 17 Heavily (5).
- 19 Massive (6).
- 21 Sharp (5).
- 24 Painful (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3. Draw, 7. Plump, 8. Bang, 9. Same, 10. Ashish, 12. Shed, 15. Abnash, 16. Stub, 18. Adec, 21. Abash, 23. Ashish, 25. Krop, 26. Solo, 29. Accuses, 30. Pust, 31. Puma, 32. Revive, 33. Lava, Down: 1. Flung, 2. Initial, 4. Bates, 6. Genu, 8. Ome, 9. Ash, 11. Abash, 13. Hied, 14. Dury, 16. Navor, 17. Bask, 18. Sol, 20. Dribble, 22. Arch, 24. Pasty, 26. Dribble, 27. Cause, 28. Opal.

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AT 76, WINSTON CHURCHILL FIGHTS ANOTHER GENERAL ELECTION TODAY

At Mr. Churchill's suggestion the "Big Three" conference of November, 1943, was given the code-name of "Eureka" and referred to as "Cairo Three" to divert attention from the real meeting place—Teheran.

AS I could not be sure whether the President would be allowed by his security advisers to go to Teheran, I suggested alternatives.

One of these was a desert encampment around the Air Force Training School at Habbaniya (in Iraq), which had made so brilliant a defence in 1941. Here we should have been absolutely by ourselves and in perfect security, and the President would have had no difficulty in flying thither in a few hours from Cairo. I therefore telegraphed this proposal to him.

Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt.

14 Oct. '43. I have a new idea about "Eureka," which I have asked Anthony [Eden] to try on Uncle Joe [Stalin] for subsequent submission to you if U.J. agrees. There is a place in the desert which I now call "Cyprus," but whose real name is Habbaniya. This would be a much easier journey for you from Cairo than "Cairo Three," and very little longer for U.J. We could put up three encampments and live comfortably in perfect seclusion and security. I am going into details on the chance of agreement in the trinity. See also, meanwhile, St. Matthew, chapter 17 verse 4.

Stalin was adamant

President Roosevelt to the Prime Minister.

15 Oct. '43. I have finally sent the following telegram to Uncle Joe, and I think your idea is an excellent one. St. Peter sometimes had real inspirations. I like the idea of three tabernacles. We can add one later for your old friend Chiang.

"The problem of my going to Teheran is becoming so acute that I feel I should tell you frankly that, for constitutional reasons, I cannot take the risk. The Congress will be in session. New laws and resolutions must be acted on by me after their receipt, and must be returned to the Congress physically before 10 days have elapsed. None of this can be done by radio or cable.

"Teheran is too far to be sure that the requirements are fulfilled. The possibility of delay in getting over the mountains—first east-bound and then west-bound—is insurmountable. We know from experience that planes in either direction are often

• Then answered Peter, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles: one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

The 100 Wobbly Seats

By FRANK OWEN

THE General Election to-day will be decided by the verdict of a Hundred Wobbling Constituencies.

Most of the Wobblers Seats are Socialist. A smaller number of them are Tory. A very few are Liberal.

In the present mood of the electorate, it seems that the flowing tide is still in favour of the Tories.

The Tories' own opinion, ranging from the professionally optimistic Front Bench parliamentarians to the professionally prudent party election engineers, varies between an estimated House of Commons majority as high as 120 and as low as 40.

That is, the Tories, "winning and low," are counting on winning or holding by far the most of those Hundred Wobblers Seats.

Let's look at all of them. On present showing (i.e., the Polls of Public Opinion) No Socialist majority of fewer than 3,000 is safe. And not all Tory majorities below 1,000 are secure, either.

This sad list

FOR a start, there is one Socialist seat (Blackley, Manchester) with a bare majority of 42. So, bye-bye, Mr. Jack Diamond, M.P. Nice to have known you at Westminster.

There are ten other Socialist seats with fewer than 500 majorities. They are: S.W. Norfolk; King's Lynn; Preston; Chorley; East Oldham; Wytham; S.

hold up for three or four days.

"In many ways Cairo is attractive, and I understand there is a hotel and some villas out near the Pyramids which could be completely segregated."

"Asmara, the former Italian capital of Eritrea, is said to have excellent buildings, and a landing-field good at all times."

"Then there is the possibility of meeting at some port in the Eastern Mediterranean, each one of us to have a ship."

Another suggestion is in the neighbourhood of Baghdad.

Stalin was, however, adamant on Teheran. The President suggested Basra.

I am not in any way considering the fact that from United States territory I would have to travel 6,000 miles, and you would only have to travel 600 miles from Russian territory. I would gladly go ten times the distance to meet you were it not for the fact that I must carry on a constitutional Government more than 150 years old.

I thought it most important that the British and American staffs and above them the President and I,

should reach a general agreement on the policy of "Overlord" [the 1944 landing in France] and its impingement on the Mediterranean.

The whole armed strength overseas of the two countries was involved, and the British forces were to be equal at the outset of "Overlord," twice as strong as the Americans in Italy, and three times as numerous in the rest of the Mediterranean. Surely we ought to reach some solid understanding before involving the Soviet representatives, either political or military, to join us. I therefore suggested such a plan to the President.

Feeling just emerging

THE President appeared to favour the idea, but not the timing. There was emerging a strong current of opinion in American Government circles which seemed to wish to win Russian confidence even at the expense of co-ordinating the Anglo-American war effort. I therefore returned to the charge.

Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt.

23 Oct. '43. The Russians ought not to be vexed if the Americans and British closely concert their very great operations they have in hand for 1944 on fronts where no Russian troops will be present. Nor do I think we ought to meet Stalin, if ever the meeting can be arranged, without be-

ing agreed about Anglo-American operations as such. I would be content with Nov. 15 if this is the earliest date for your Staffs. I thought the Staffs would work together for a few days before you and I arrive, say, 18th or 19th, and we could then go on together to "Eureka."

The British Staffs and my colleagues and I all think this position requires to be reviewed, and that the commanders for both our fronts should be named and should be present.

Before the President replied to this he sent me the following message, which showed that he was not yet decided to accept the idea of going to Teheran.

President Roosevelt to Prime Minister. 25 Oct. '43. It is a nuisance to have the influenza. McIntire says I need a sea voyage.

No word from Uncle J. yet. If he is adamant what would you think of you and me meeting with small staffs in North Africa, or even at the Pyramids, and toward the close of our talks get the Generalissimo [Chiang Kai-shek] to join us for two or three days? At the same time

we could ask Uncle J. to send Molotov to the meeting with you and me. Our people proposed Nov. 20.

Two days later he sent me his comments on my idea of a preliminary meeting of the Combined Chiefs of Staff. He suggested sending Stalin the following:

Heretofore we have informed you of the results of our combined British-American military Staff conferences. You may feel that it would be better to have a Russian military representative sit in at such meetings to listen to the discussions regarding British-American operations and take note of the decisions. He would be free to make such comments and proposals as you might desire. This arrangement would afford you and your Staff an intimate and prompt report of these meetings.

The suggestion of including the Russians in such a meeting filled me with alarm.

Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt. 27 Oct. '43. I deprecate the idea of inviting a Russian military representative to sit in at the meetings of our Joint Staffs. Unless he understood and spoke English the delays would be intolerable. I do not know of any really high officer of the Russian Army who can speak English. Such a representative would have no authority or power to speak except as instructed. He would simply buy for an earlier Second Front and

block all other discussions. Considering they tell us nothing of their own movements, I do not think we should open this door to them, as it would probably mean that they would want to have observers at all future meetings and all discussions between us would be paralysed. We shall very soon have 600,000 or 700,000 British and American troops and airmen in Italy, and we are planning the great operation of "Overlord." There will not be a Russian soldier in any of these. On the other hand, all our fortunes depend upon them.

I regard our right to sit together on the movements of our own two forces as fundamental and vital. Hitherto we have prospered wonderfully but I now feel that the year 1944 is loaded with danger. Great differences may develop between us and we may take the wrong turning. Or, again, we may make compromises and fall between two stools.

The only hope is the intimacy and friendship which has been established between us and between our High Staffs. If that were broken I should despair of the immediate future. I need scarcely say the British Chiefs of Staff fully share these views. I must add that I am more anxious about the campaign of 1944 than about any other in which I have been involved.

Three stages of talks

THE President now proposed that the Combined Chiefs of Staff should meet in Cairo before any contact was made with the Russians or the Chinese, whose presence in Cairo had been so strongly urged by him. But the first possible date for a meeting of the Combined Chiefs of Staff would be Nov. 22. The Americans were proposing that the Chinese delegation should arrive on that day, and their presence would inevitably lead to their being drawn into our discussions.

I further learned indirectly that the President was simultaneously inviting Molotov to Cairo. I therefore sent the following message to the President.

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. 11 Nov. '43. There seems to have been a most unfortunate misunderstanding. I hear from Ambassador Clark Kerr that on Nov. 9 the United States Ambassador at Moscow delivered a message from you to Stalin inviting Mr. Molotov to go to Cairo on Nov. 22 with a military representative.

Nov. 22 is, however, the first day on which the Staffs can meet. I ask therefore that the date of the arrival of Molotov and his military representative shall be postponed till Nov. 23 at the earliest.

I am very glad to hear also from Ambassador Clark Kerr that you contemplate going on Nov. 23 to Teheran. I rather wish you had been able to let me know direct.

I wished the proceedings to take three stages: first, a broad Anglo-American agreement at Cairo; secondly, a Supreme Conference between the three heads of the Government of the three

major Powers at Teheran; and, thirdly, on returning to Cairo, the discussion of what was purely Anglo-American business about the war in the Indian theatre and the Indian Ocean, which was certainly urgent.

I did not want the short time we had at our disposal to be absorbed in what were after all comparatively minor matters, when the decision involving the course of the whole war demanded at least provisional settlement. It seemed also unsuitable that the Soviet should be formally brought into conference with the Chinese Government when they had not declared war against Japan.

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The Chiefs of Staff are, however, very apprehensive about the arrangements which you have settled for military conversations and I share their misgivings. I thought from your message that the British and American Staffs would have "many meetings" before being joined by the Russians or Chinese. I still regard this as absolutely essential in view of the serious questions which have to be settled.

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THE WAR MEMOIRS OF WINSTON CHURCHILL:
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THE CAIRO CONFERENCE

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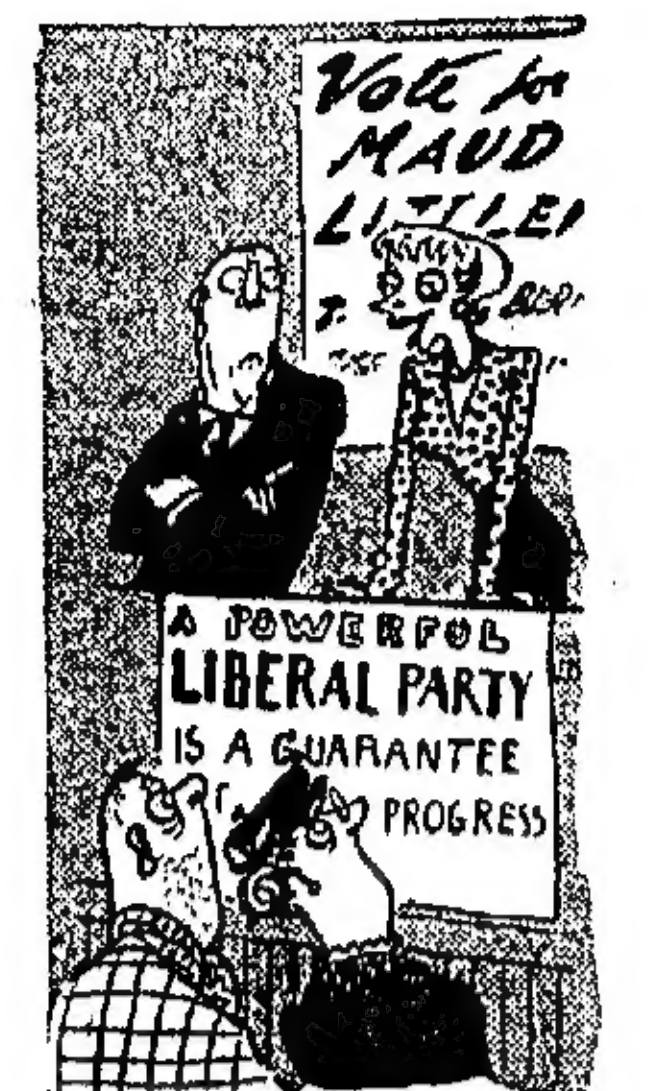
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The ELECTION

as seen by

OSBERT LANCASTER



"Honestly, don't you think it would be rather chic to be the only constituency in England to return a Liberal?"



"Now please let it be clearly understood that this chair's positively the last little stinker I kiss till I've had a good stiff drink!"



"Good heavens! Surely you must see that if Herbert had been so silly as to accept the Persian offer we should've been left with no risk of us being avoided running!"



"You realise our difficulty, Lezard? If this gang had switched from racehorses to parliamentary candidates, how are we going to prove it?"



"Not a word! All perfectly simple - provided you remember never to mention the United States; the Persians, Armenians, Greeks, the cost of living, ground-nuts, mosquitoes, the Channel, the Channel, the Channel, and Mr. Dutton, who is a member of the staff."

WOMANSENSE

A Battle Of
Sexes At
Fashion Front

French-Italian competition in the fashion field is developing into a battle of the sexes. While nearly all famous Parisian designers are men, 90 percent of Italy's top bracket stylists are women.

One of them is tiny, dark-eyed, Signora Yella Bellenghi of Florence, who numbers princesses and duchesses by the score among her clients.

"Florence," said Signora Bellenghi, "is the smartest city in Italy, and if you are style-conscious, you can pick out a Florence lady in a crowd in London or Paris or anywhere. Her trade mark is chic simplicity."

Italian Look

Bellenghi's version of the "Italian look" is "classic cut and for the trimming: nothing." She believes the developing Italian fashion industry should and will specialise in chiefly tailored suits and coats. The international festival of high fashion under way here shows too many decorated cocktail frocks and elaborate evening gowns, she thinks, because "we don't wear things like that ourselves." Extremes, she implies, should be left to Paris.

Those who do not like the new longer skirt lengths introduced in Paris have a staunch supporter in Bellenghi as well as other Italian designers. Day skirts are about 15 inches from the floor.

Are Ugly

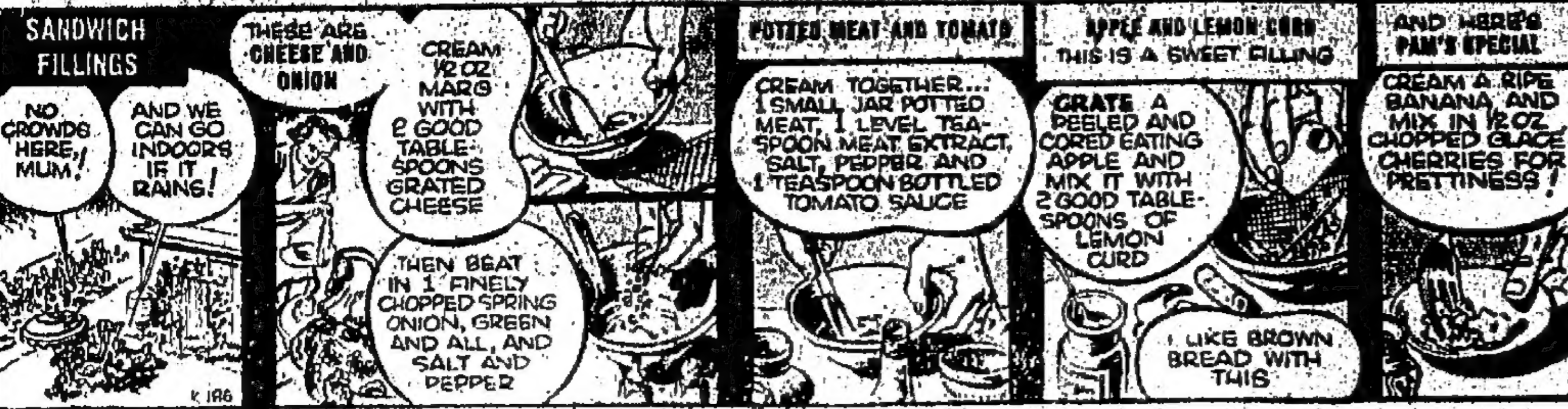
"The longer skirts are ugly because they cut the calf at the wrong place," according to Signora Bellenghi.

Besides the former Queen of Romania, the Princess of Montenegro, Princess Margherita and other Italian Nobleswomen, Bellenghi dresses Mrs Myron Taylor, wife of the former U.S. representative to the Vatican.

Many American buyers who visited the Florence showing in July, came to Signora Bellenghi's private collection.

The only American mannequin in the fashion festival, Jane Spriggs of Los Angeles (former Schiaparelli model) shows Bellenghi's creations.

Of 11 Italian designers selected for the festival, only two—Schubert of Rome and Ferrario of Milan—are men—Associated Press.

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goes into action

from IRENE RICHARD

PARIS. WHEN Queen Narriman of Egypt has a buying spree there is joy in Paris. Customers who buy clothes on such a scale are rare these days. And for the midnights, a Narriman order means a chance to live for a spell in a Thousand-and-One-Nights setting.

Except for a few models for immediate use, all the clothes ordered for Queen Narriman are being adapted for maternity wear.

Instead of the elaborate evening dresses of which she is so fond, the queen has chosen dinner frocks. They are three-quarter length, cut with wide skirts and carried out in such luxurious materials as tulle, velvet and lame.

Many of these designs are accompanied by smart little boleros, handsomely trimmed with astrakhan and mink.

Narriman likes lace and it figures prominently among the dressy numbers. A high-necked, tan-colored, heavy lace dress is trimmed with tulle to tone in an elaborately flared shoulder-cape effect, falling in a scarf panel on one side. A black model is finished with a black velvet bolero.

Among the more formal models is a white mousseline number with a wide flowing skirt worked with a scroll design in pearls and diamonds. Banana taffeta—also full-skirted—is embroidered with a topaz and gold thread flower design.

Outdoor clothes for early autumn include wide-skirted frocks and two-piece outfits: a box jacket (diaper or with pleated insertion) worn with a slender skirt.

Green is the queen's favourite colour for daywear. There are several green numbers and beige and grey are starred.

Germaine Lecomte transferred a whole workshop to Cannes to carry out this order. She flew back and forth between Paris and the Riviera constantly for fittings.

(London Express Service)

A Hand Beauty
Routine

Soap must be selected with care. While toilet soaps are all high-grade these days, some are more suitable for your particular skin than others. If after washing your hands, the flesh looks shiny and drawn, try to find a milder soap, one that is a bit more bland and neutral. A little cornmeal mixed with the suds is soothing. And, of course, you must use a lotion once a day at least. An extra slathering at bedtime is a good idea, particularly in cold weather.

Special Creams

Cream is also necessary. There are special ones for hands that the skin will lap up as a kitten laps up milk. Don't just lay on a light film. Keep using more and more, working it into the knuckles, frictioning it into the cuticles surrounding the nails. While you are at it give your elbows a few dabs.

It is not just the cream that conditions the skin; it is the massage. For maximum results the hands must be rubbed in a firm and wringing motion. It preserves the youthful appearance of the hands. It slows the circulation of the blood, thereby giving greater vitality. It gives the hands a soft, velvety texture.

DUMB-BELLS

JACOBY
ON BRIDGE

This Hand Proves Experts Are Slick

By OSWALD JACOBY

THESE days most of the good bridge players in St Paul are busy polishing up their bidding and play in preparation for the All-American regional tournament to be held there. In my opinion some of them are already too slick to need any polishing as today's hand proves.

West's penalty doubles were a bit on the hungry side, but he could have got better two diamonds or two hearts. East's double of three clubs was probably influenced by the fact that his partner had already doubled both red suits. This double turned out to be a little too hungry, however, since declarer managed to make the contract.

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BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

THE British Medical Association was informed in a lecture the other day that eyebrows were given to ladies to divert drops of perspiration from the eyes, and that to tear them out is like tearing down the guttering from a roof and allowing the rain-water to cascade over the windows. That would be a good opening for a shy young man sitting next to a girl. He might go on: "And to cut your hair short is like tearing the thatch off an old woman's head, leaving the state on your lips is like the blood from raw meat smeared over the door of a polling-station." That ought to break the ice.

Mrs Glapirion

asks questions

"Sit down, Mr. or—Banton—of the Animal Dental Welfare Division." Now what is the extent of your ferretty? "How do you mean?" "Is it a large ferretty?" "No, it's a small ferretty." "They aren't housed, if that's what you mean, but they can get into a room all right, if you don't see why?" "But how do they live?" "What do you mean, how? They're like any other ferretty." "Does nobody look after them?" "My cousin helps." "What is his name?" "Snadwall." "It can't be—"

Who was it?

"If you want to read how a 'char-

woman' with her 'braces' dangled down beneath her apron, evaded the secret police by joining in a motor-cally on the Riviera, begin tomorrow, the astonishing story of Ruylo Mott: Master Spy. The story takes you to the underground spy-ring of Europe's capitals, across the Sahara, up and down the Amazon, and into the back of a grocer's shop in Billerica. Read how the alluring Athenais Debris poisoned the waters of the Ocul River two hours before Sidney Trolloc, dragging himself in a delirium across the scorching sands, reached the town. Who was Fogwartz? Was the chairman Colonel Camillo or his double?

Always have

A DANK patch on the sea was reported to have been found, extending eight miles by five. They turned out, says the report, to be hake. They would.

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QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS v. EVERTON



Throw Out Wales And Ireland? No!

Says IVAN SHARPE

Should England throw Wales and Ireland overboard in order to compete in a European championship? I say, NO.

Should the English League relegate Ireland and Eire because the Irish split has so weakened their forces that neither is now a fit foe? YES.

Let's look into it. England have been dabbling with the idea of discarding Ireland and Wales—one or both—from the British Championship in order to form a European international competition.

Hints were thrown out a year ago, and I jumped on them because, to take away full international status from these countries, nationally from those players, is to deal them a serious blow. But the idea persists. In the propaganda pages of the FA this season are things like this: "A season can be made out for discontinuing the British International Championship in its present form." That's the way the seed is sown.

IT'S A THREAT

If England are seriously thinking of discarding "weak little Wales" then I, an Englishman, hope for a smashing Welsh victory in their 75th anniversary match with England at Cardiff on Saturday.

And mark this well—I feel certain Scotland would say the same. "Break with one, break with three," Scotland would declare.

But the inter-League games are different. These are not the

life-blood of the countries concerned. And the 9-1 match between the Football League and the League of Ireland (Eire) at Everton has crowned and completed the farce.

I asked a Wolves official where the Central League champions (Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves) would have been in the Eire League. He said "Yes." I asked a leading Scottish FA official whether a selected Scottish juvenile team would beat them. He said "Yes."

Henceforward the Irish League, the Eire League and, yes, let's have the Welsh League in as well, could be met by Football League teams chosen from the Second and Third Divisions.

Let's give the lads from Sheffield and Nottingham, Northampton, Southampton, Plymouth and so on, a chance. That's the way to find these "B" internationals.

IT'S DANGEROUS

Announcement of the England team for Wales has been postponed until today. They're playing with fire. The parcel to be handed out this afternoon is labelled dangerous. It is dangerous because the selectors have seen stars—that is, against a team, no better than Scotland's juveniles.

The one good thing about the delay is that they can't call up the England players too early. I am suspicious about these proposed fortnights of pre-match preparation. You can talk too much to front-rank footballers. You can talk them into a tangle.

There were those at Rio who during England's long stay together in the World Cup. Important people say so.

IT'S WEAKNESS

The one sure thing about the Everton affair is that the crowd boomed the English defenders when they passed back the ball to the goalkeeper. My congratulations to the people of Goodison Park. They know a weakness when they see one. I hope more crowds boo these soulless defensive tactics, as they were booed in Brazil in the World Cup.

I hope the time is coming when the pass-back will be prohibited outside the penalty area. Whatever my friend William Murray, Sunderland manager, may say, it contributes pathetically to today's plethora of dull defences.

Before leaving this inter-League match, I have to report receipt of a letter from the chairman of a First Division club who, I must say, wishes me to die his bullets. Battered down and blue-penned for bitterness, this is what he says: "Why wasn't the King's health drunk at the luncheon given by the Football League before the

match? Why wasn't the National Anthem played before the kick-off? At the present time, these omissions were unfortunate especially as the visitors came from Eire."

Doubly unfortunate, I would say. It helped to create a suggestion of politics where none exist.

Indeed, in order to remove misapprehension, I must add that the National Anthem was played before the last two English representative matches I attended in Dublin.

Says my friend the chairman: "I am asking my board to move, at the next annual meeting of the League, that all inter-League matches, home or away, must be preceded by the National Anthem."

Well, if clubs have complaints that's the place to make them.

IT'S NO GOOD

I was the Football League who decided that today's Ministry of Labour Inquiry about players' pay should be kept quiet. They banned the public and the Press. The ban they should introduce concerns transfers, and Newcastle United in particular.

Newcastle are the transfer tycoons. There's no end to their travels and talks and transactions. Cars, trains, aeroplanes—they're everywhere. I tried once to keep trail of their transfers. Between October, 1945, and March, 1948, all this happened:

Period: 30 months. Transfers: 23. Inward: £39,000. Outward: £67,000. Total: £126,000.

The transfers were so many I had to quit. Now prices have doubled, but Newcastle United, like Ole Man River, still keep rolling along. Now it's Foulkes (Chester) in and Taylor (Blackpool) out.

All the good work they did in 1900-1914 in building the game's brilliance is being overshadowed by this orgy of player-purchasing and transfer deals. Please, Newcastle! It's no good for the game. It leads to unrest among players and Government inquiries.

IT'S AN IDEA

When Herbert Chapman, of Arsenal, first tried the white ball the idea was laughed out of court. Now it's a hit. Linemen's luminous flags are also a success, except that they aren't luminous. The man who suggested them, Mr. F. S. Blake, of Salisbury, a member of the Referees' Association, now says in "The Football Referee" that red and yellow jerseys of this kind should be donned by players on dark days.

The USAFA used this material on ground-strips and for happy landings on aircraft carriers. It isn't luminous. It just "taken advantage of whatever daylight there is." It's the colours that

Shepherd, the Rangers' outside left, scores Queen's Park Rangers' first goal during the first half in the match against Everton at Shepherd's Bush. The match ended in a 4-4 draw.

SOUTH CHINA v. SING TAO TODAY

Two of the divided teams in the First Division of the Hong Kong Football League, South China and Sing Tao, will meet in a "needle" game at Caroline Hill today at 5.30 p.m. In order to cope with the capacity crowd expected, special arrangements have been made by the South China Athletic Association in consultation with the Police authorities. Holders of pre-sale tickets, officials, players who are in possession of player's identity cards, members of the Press and officials of the South China Athletic Association holding complimentary cards for which tickets are to be issued on the ground, will be required, under the arrangements made, to proceed to Caroline Hill ground by way of the road between Caroline Hill and the Army ground at Sookunpoo.

Members of the public, as well as members of the South China Athletic Association in possession of membership cards will be required to queue up for tickets along Caroline Hill Road from the Po Leung Kue.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
The following are the results of Second Division League soccer matches played yesterday:

South China 0 Sing Tao 0; Solicitors 1 CAA 1; RAF 1 St Joseph's 1.

The game between Club and Dockyard, which was also fixed for yesterday, was postponed.

Sports Teams

HOCKEY
Accidentals R.A.F. vs. Kai Tak today, 5.30 p.m.—Kirkham, Seely, Schuster, Jarrett, Bonington, Liversmore, Bird, Shaw, Dudley, Clayton and Clayton. Referee: Turner, Collier, Cox, Rev. Francis, Richardson. Umpire: Major Viceroy.

Hong Kong Police vs. Hong Kong Hockey Club at King's Park on Sunday at 11.30 p.m.—G. R. Day, T. V. C. Reynolds, W. Apple, A. L. Hill, E. Yuen, M. O'Sullivan, S. Shaw, Ward-Smith, Wan Tong, P. A. English, C. L. Stevens, K. S. Thong, Reynolds, D. Brown, P. M. K. W. B. Jones, J. K. Leighton.

European Hockey XI to meet Hong Kong Army Ground, Boundary Street, on Sunday at 11 a.m.—J. Taylor, Rumbell, Drake, D. Eng, J. Taylor, Arnold, M. R. Taylor, A. Inglis, Caldwell, Mann and Long.

Schoolboys' Tennis

Two quarter-final games in the school-boys' tennis championships were played at the C.R.C. yesterday.

George Lin Jnr, beat Ma King-lung 6-2, 7-5.

Yu To-hay beat Herbert Yuen 6-0, 6-3.

The semi-finals will be played at the C.R.C. on Saturday and the doubles finals on Sunday.

FA BEAT RAF

London, Oct. 24. The Football Association beat the Royal Air Force by four goals to nil in a soccer game played at Chelsea's ground at Stamford Bridge, London, today.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 43. Orders by Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hong Kong Defence Force. Dated October 23, 1951.

Force Headquarters

Deputy Training, Squads A61, A61—Sunday Oct. 28. Kennedy Road Range. Introduction to Camp. Parade at 8.30 a.m. Dress—overall. Monday Oct. 29. Rapid firing. PWT. S. Snapshoot. Rifle rapid firing. Unit Training. Section. Parade Tuesday Oct. 30. New and advanced course. Lecture. Thursday Nov. 1. New and advanced course—Weapon training. R. Section. In view of Camp Parade beginning Nov. 2 there will be no parade on Wednesday Oct. 31. Friday Nov. 2. 7 p.m. HQ RHKDF. Dress and equipment as detailed by O.C.

Hong Kong Regiment

Duties. Orderly officer of the week—Lieut. T. D. Sorby. Next for duty—Lieut. K. J. Hamner. Orderly sergeant of the week—Sgt. W. J. Darby. Next for duty—Sgt. Sun Hong.

Training. "A" Coy Sunday Oct. 28. Programme LMG Classification. Kai Tak range. Parade 8 a.m. WD Security Car Park Salubrious Road Kowloon. Dress fighting order O.G. Berets, jungle hats to be carried in overalls. Parade 3.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue O.G. "B" Coy Monday Oct. 29. Programme Introduction to Camp and Camp discipline. Outline of programme. Fitting of equipment. Parade 3.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue O.G. "C" Coy Tuesday Oct. 30. Programme (1) Self Defence. (2) Vol. 1 Pam 3 Lesson 65. (3) O.C. Disposal. Parade 3.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue O.G. "D" Coy Wednesday Oct. 31. Programme Introduction to Camp and Camp discipline. Outline of programme. Fitting of equipment. Parade 3.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue O.G. "E" Coy Thursday Nov. 1. Programme (1) Self Defence. (2) Vol. 1 Pam 3 Lesson 65. (3) O.C. Disposal. Parade 3.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue O.G. "F" Coy Friday Nov. 2. 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Mossadegh To Ask Bank Loan

London, Oct. 24. Premier Mossadegh now in Washington, is to negotiate a loan of US\$25,000,000 with the Export and Import Bank, according to a Tehran broadcast picked up in London. It was added that of this sum, US\$10,000,000 will be used to buy agricultural machinery. The broadcast said that relations between Persia and the United States generally will be discussed and that the oil question in particular will be examined anew. Tehran newspapers today stressed the importance of American support for Persia under present circumstances. The independent Search said: "Persia has enjoyed the best of relations with the United States for 40 years. Unfortunately, we cannot forget American promises to Persia during the war and Persia's considerable sacrifices during the hostilities. "Persia sets her hopes on American help, especially if we are not to become the prey of Communism". The newspaper Pakhtar Samrouz said that four days ago, Dr Mossadegh cabled from the United States for information about the possibility of immediate oil deliveries and prices. The Premier is reported to be discussing the question with American oil companies.—Reuter.

EXCHANGES IN NY

Canada (dollar)	New York, Oct. 24
England—official	US\$0.95-6/16
unofficial	2.30 bid/ask
30-day futures	2.70
90-day futures	2.72 1/2
Australia (pound)	2.70 1/2
New Zealand (pound)	2.70 1/2
South Africa (pound)	2.70 1/2
Belgium (franc)	10.90 1/2
Denmark (krone)	16.50
France (franc)	102.8-9/16
West German (mark)	4.20
Holland (guilder)	2.43 1/2
Italy—official	11.00 1/2
Norway (krone)	1.40 1/2
Portugal (escudo)	20.40
Spain (peseta)	16.50
Sweden (krona)	0.83 1/2
Switzerland (franc)	2.00
Latin America	
Argentina—official	0.700
Brazil (cruzado)	0.950
Chile (peso)	0.150
Colombia (peso)	4.025
Cuba (peso)	1.00
Mexico (peso)	0.055
Peru (sol)	0.050
Uruguay (peso)	4.175
Venezuela (bolivar)	200
Far East	
India (rupee)	21.00
Pakistan (rupee)	20.30
Hongkong	1.755
Indonesia	3.040
Singapore	2.025
Japan	360 yen to US\$1

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Oct. 24.	Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:—
Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.24 1/2
September	2.24 1/2-3/4
December	2.27 1/2
March (1952)	2.35 1/2-3/4
May	2.40 1/2

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Oct. 24.	World sugar futures closed today 4 to 7 points lower with sales totalling 38 contracts. Contract No. 6 closed 1 to 1/2 lower.
Telexes closed as follows:—	
CONTRACT NO. 4 (World)	
January (1952)	5.25 bid
March	5.07 traded
May	5.00 bid
July	5.07 bid
September	5.07 nominal
Spot	5.30
CONTRACT NO. 6	
March (1952)	5.34 bid
May	5.38 nominal
July	5.43 bid
September	5.40 nominal
Spot	5.41

Spice Trade Slow

New York, Oct. 24. The dock workers' strike continued to tie up business in the spice trade. Dealers reported a little interest in ready goods at warehouse with sellers holding out for higher prices. In the commodity market, pepper was unchanged at around \$1.1-1.15 and nutmeg \$1.07-1.08 a pound.—United Press.

Talks On War Reparations

Tokyo, Oct. 24. Meetings between Japan and Indonesia and the Philippines on war reparations are expected to begin in about three weeks, Japanese Foreign Office sources said. The Kyodo News Agency said an Indonesian Reparations Mission would arrive in Tokyo about the middle of November. Reparations talks with the Philippines are expected after the general elections in the Philippines on November 13.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at: \$565,391.45. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—	SHARERS BUYERS SELLERS SALES
BANKS	1055 1585
HSK Bank	104 104
Union	753 765
Underwriters	515
HSK Fin	140
SHIPPING	150 180 3000 @ 1.70
Docks, ETC	
K. Wharf	104 200 @ 104
N. P. Wharf	6.05 200 @ 0.95
Doek	100 100 @ 0.90
Provident	14 14.50 500 @ 14.40
Shal Dock	4 5 300 @ 4.5
Wharlock	30 35 300 @ 36.75
LAND, ETC.	
HSK Hotel	53 54 300 @ 53.75
HSK Land	54 300 @ 53.75
Shal Land	12 12 500 @ 12.75
Utilities	
Tram	16 17 400 @ 16.75
P. Tram (O)	22 1/2
P. Tram (N)	22 1/2
Star Ferry	14 1/2
C. Light (O)	9.30 9.45 1000 @ 9.40
C. Light (N)	9.30 9.35 1000 @ 9.35
C. Light (B)	9.15 9.25 1700 @ 9.20
Electric	22 23 100 @ 22.90
Elec (Bonus)	21 1/2 22
Macao Elec	15 15 40
INDUSTRIALS	
Cement	14 1/2 4500 @ 14.25
Rope	20 1600 @ 17.80
STORIES, ETC.	
Dairy	18 16 100 @ 18.10
Watson	24 25 100 @ 24.25
COTTONS	
Ewo	5 5.30 5700 @ 5.40

London Stock Exchange

London, Oct. 24. Korean cease-fire talks and the overnight return of buyers on the New York stock market prompted a firm tone in most sections of the London Stock Exchange today.

Election-ave trading remained moderate, trading continued. Shipbuilding led the upward swing in industrials, and copper stood out among mining shares.

British Government loans were quietly steady.

Financial Times' daily index was 138.1.

Japanese bonds
"A" (4s. of 1909) 69
"B" (4s. of 1910) 58
"C" (5s. of 1907) 107 1/2
"D" (5s. of 1934) 77 1/2
"E" (5s. of 1934) 86 1/2
Consols 86 1/2
—Associated Press and United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Oct. 24. Stock prices worked higher today led by oil and metals. Non-ferrous metal shares met good demand. Motors gained. Oils advanced as much as 3. Dow Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:—
30 Industrials 284.05
20 rails 62.50
15 utilities 45.80
40 bonds 139.75
—United Press.

FRENCH TRADE WITH P.I.

Manila, Oct. 24. France is seeking closer economic and cultural ties with the Philippines. Robert Douteau, French Economic Counsellor for Southeast Asia, called on President Elpidio Quirino and said a trade pact was part of a plan to develop the French Union's relations with her neighbours. The French Union comprises France and the Associated States in Indo-China, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. "The Philippines is a vital link between the East and the West in the defence of democracy against Communism," Douteau said. "The Philippines is a country which is not only a bridge between the East and the West, but also a bridge between the East and the West in the defence of democracy against Communism." —Associated Press.

Limited Scope For Private Investment In Backward Areas

By RONALD BOXALL

London, Oct. 24.

The conclusion that can be drawn from a study of various reports on the possibilities of economic development in backward countries (including many of the British Colonies) is not that there is no need or scope for private investment, but that private investment alone cannot and will not be forthcoming on anything like the necessary scale.

This fact has been widely recognised. One reason for it is that some countries exclude private foreign capital altogether, or insist that local capital should share in the ownership of new industries—a condition which is not always acceptable to private investors.

The scope for direct investment by private capital in backward countries is therefore limited. But there is another way in which private investment can play its part in economic development. This is by means of loans to backward countries. But here, too, there are serious drawbacks.

Political and Economic Planning, an independent research organisation, in its recent report on "The Strategy of World Development" says, "The most urgent projects in the early stages of development, the suppression of malaria, or of the 'setts fly', the building of bridges and hospitals or the installation of water-purifying equipment, may have no direct effect on production, but a considerable amount of imports for this kind of work may be required before any increase in the ability of the backward country to make the exports required for the service of loans can be expected."

In later stages of development, private loans on commercial terms may be possible, but the prime need in many backward countries is for basic economic development, including the improvement of living standards by the provision of health services and social institutions, and it is unlikely that these projects can be financed even in part, by private capital.

This is emphasised by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in its "Memorandum on Financing Economic Development". "In the past," it says, "the major volume of private international investments has been made either in the more developed countries or in the export industries of the underdeveloped areas. A certain amount has also gone into public utilities and railways. Only a minor part has been invested in production for the domestic market of the underdeveloped countries. This is because it draws attention to the fact that private investment is attracted by markets, and that market demand does not lead necessarily to a balanced all-round development. Where economic activity is small, and particularly where, as in most underdeveloped areas, effective markets are narrow and weak (which does not mean of course, that there are no markets), there may be both technical and economic reasons why little investment is felt by foreign private capital."

OVERWHELMING CASE

The case is therefore overwhelmingly in favour of government financing of the necessary flow of goods and services needed for development. But this raises another question. Should the governments of the advanced countries lend money to the backward countries or should they provide the resources for development without any thought of return?

P.E.P. thinks it should be the latter. "It must be accepted," it says, "that the goods necessary for a wide range of development projects should be given to backward countries—that the projects should be financed by grants rather than by loans in order to avoid repayment difficulties later on. One result of this policy in the long run would be to make the backward areas more rather than less attractive to private lending."

To reiterate, economic development can only be financed, in the first instance, by government grants. Secondary development projects may be financed by private capital, but the type of project to which private investment is attracted is not always the type of project that would be most beneficial to the backward countries. So far as British Colonial development is concerned, therefore, the most that can be expected is an increase in government grants for specific development projects, such as Colonial Development and Welfare funds and the C.D.F. are now providing on a limited scale. But there are other areas of the world in which this country is vitally interested, politically and economically, which do not come within the scope of direct government action. Development in these areas calls for different measures.

Here, the attitude of the receiving countries is an important consideration. Development undertaken for political reasons—for instance, to keep certain "neutral" areas out of the Communist camp—will be regarded with suspicion. Although it may be to the advantage of industrialised countries to finance the development of backward countries by opening up new sources of raw materials and creating new markets for exports—this consideration must be kept in the background. Mr Gordon Gray, in his "Report to the President (of the United States) on Foreign Economic Policies", has pointed out the danger of arousing an antagonism if there is too much insistence on supervising the use made of grants for development purposes or on "reasonable standards of performance". He therefore advocates that wherever practicable such programmes should be operated through international organisations, staffed in part by nationals of countries in which the particular underdeveloped country has confidence.

The Asian delegates to the Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations at Lushan in October, 1950, also stressed the need for channeling financial assistance through international agencies rather than that they should be provided by bilateral agreements.

Many countries also insist on participating in development projects. Wherever possible, therefore, local finance, government or private, should play its part. This would not only remove suspicion of the motives of advanced countries in the minds of receiving countries, but also ensure that the resources provided from external sources were, in fact, used for the purposes for which they were intended.

Discussions of this nature are, however, of little use unless the advanced countries have the resources to spare for overseas development. The fan-fare which greeted the Colombo Plan have died away into dismal silence. To announce a plan is not enough; it must be followed up with action. And action means supply of capital and consumer goods, technical assistance and advice. Plans which raise hopes in the backward areas and are then allowed to stagnate defeat their own purpose and leave a feeling of frustration and resentment where formerly there were only apathy and inertia.

HIGHEST PROBLEM

How can the advanced countries supply the material and human resources needed to carry out development plans? Money alone can do little. It has been demonstrated that Colonial governments can raise private loans in the London market. Investors all over the world are prepared to buy World Bank bonds. But money is of no use unless it can buy materials and machinery for development projects. This was emphasised at the recent Commonwealth Supply Conference where many delegates pointed out that although Colonial earnings of foreign exchange were higher than ever, they were still unable, through exchange restrictions and the prior demands of defence production, to obtain the capital goods needed for the expansion of their own industries.

Some of the advanced countries, notably the United States and Britain, have set aside funds for development purposes. Yet the provision of resources remains the biggest problem of economic development. The problem is, of course, aggravated by the shortage created by high inflation in the advanced countries. The advanced countries, however, cannot be expected to supply the backward areas with the resources needed for development.

The only possible answer to this problem is that resources for development must be provided out of the rising industrial productivity of the more advanced countries, and to the extent that these resources are withdrawn from the national economy, the people of those countries must accept a slower rise in their standards of living. All plans for economic development in the backward areas depend on the acceptance of this fact.

Mr Walter P. Reuther, president of the American United Automobile Workers, has said that America should set aside five per cent of its current national output for overseas development. This would amount to about \$4,000 million a year. If Britain set aside a similar percentage of its national output each year, a further \$600 million would be made available for development purposes.

It is probable that a five per cent withdrawal of resources from national output for development purposes would be too high even for the United States. It would certainly be too high for the United Kingdom. But the figures show that if even one per cent of the national output of advanced countries could be set aside for the improvement of living standards in the backward areas, the rate of economic development could be considerably increased.

This is the second of three despatches by Ronald Boxall on economic development in the backward areas. The final despatch will appear in the "China Mail" tomorrow.

RUBBER EXPORTS SLUMP

Kuala Lumpur, Oct. 24. Rubber exports from Malaya during September slumped by nearly 15,000 tons. It was officially disclosed here today. The official figures show the drop was from 52,911 tons in August to 47,901 in September. The main reason was that Britain took only 13,221 tons in August and that United States imports from Malaya fell to the lowest figure for many years—4,233 tons.

The United States importation for August was 8,314 tons but earlier this year it was well over 10,000 tons a month. Malaya's rubber production figures showed a decrease during September of 4,907 tons, mainly due to a drop in output from small holders.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—
Number 1 rubber, per lb. 156 1/2-157 1/2
October 156 1/2-157 1/2
November 156 1/2-157 1/2
December 156 1/2-157 1/2
Number 2 rubber, per lb. 151 1/2-152 1/2
October 151 1/2-152 1/2
November 151 1/2-152 1/2
December 151 1/2-152 1/2
Number 3 rubber, per lb. 149 1/2-150 1/2
October 149 1/2-150 1/2
November 149 1/2-150 1/2
December 149 1/2-150 1/2
Spot rubber, unpeeled 156 1/2-157 1/2
Black crepe 156 1/2-157 1/2
No. 1 pale crepe 156 1/2-157 1/2
—United Press.

CONSUMPTION IN U.S.

New York, Oct. 24. New rubber consumption in September rose 2.29 per cent to 100,814 long tons from 104,624 tons used in August, the Rubber Manufacturers' Association Incorporated reported today.

Consumption of natural rubber last month increased 1.37 per cent to 37,782 tons used, compared with 36,784 tons used in August.

The use of synthetic rubber in September amounted to 69,571 long tons, an increase of 2.97 per cent from the 67,740 tons used in August.



Date	Ship	From
In Port	"TASMAN"	Batavia, Deli, Penang, Singapore & Saigon
In Port	"TASMAN"	Japan
30th Oct.	"TASMAN"	S. America, Africa & Singapore
10th Oct.	"TASMAN"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
2nd Nov.	"TASMAN"	Japan
10th Nov.	"TASMAN"	Japan
18th Nov.	"TASMAN"	Penang, Batavia, Deli & Singapore
10th Nov.	"TASMAN"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
18th Nov.	"TASMAN"	Japan
5th Dec.	"TASMAN"	Japan

General Agents: HOLLAND EAST ASIA LINE

Date	Ship	From
25th Oct.	"TASMAN"	Japan Ports
2nd Nov.	"TASMAN"	Japan Ports
3rd Nov.	"TASMAN"	Singapore, Java Ports & Macassar
4th Nov.	"TASMAN"	Manila, Singapore, F. & S. Africa
10th Nov.	"TASMAN"	Japan Ports
18th Nov.	"TASMAN"	Singapore, Java Ports & Macassar
20th Nov.	"TASMAN"	Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America
21st Nov.	"TASMAN"	Japan

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SAILS: FRIDAY the 26th October at 5.00 p.m. for the UNITED KINGDOM via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: ALL passengers baggage must be sent to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE by NOON on THURSDAY the 25th October.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Will take place on FRIDAY the 26th October between 2.30 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

"Economic Anarchy" In Israel

Tel-Aviv, Oct. 24. Israel's Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr Don Joseph, last night called upon the people of Israel to help meet the "state of anarchy existing in the economic field."

In a broadcast to the nation, he outlined the Government's policy in the face of the grave economic crisis facing the country because of a severe shortage of hard currency and a flourishing black market.

In his first public address since the new Cabinet was formed at the beginning of October, Dr Joseph promised improvements in the distribution of rationed goods. But he warned that Israel "has still not enough to meet all requirements."

He listed four problems facing the Government. First, Israel was not producing enough food for her own requirements; second, increased production had not caught up with the increase of population; third, the hard currency available was not sufficient for food purchases and other imported goods; fourth, the constant growth of population through immigration was constantly increasing the amount of hard currency needed for food imports.

U.S. Steel Warning Washington, Oct. 24. America warned yesterday that exports of cotton steel in the first quarter of 1952 would be limited to 100,000 tons. The company said it was producing steel at a rate of 100,000 tons a month, and the North American Free Trade Agreement, according to the company's chairman, Mr K. N. Black, "is a friendly foreign market."

BORNEO AIR LINE Singapore, Oct. 24. The Malayan Airways Limited is to operate a feeder internal air service with de Havilland Rapide aircraft in conjunction with the Government of North Borneo. A 140-year scheme had been agreed upon between the air company and the North Borneo Government, according to the company's chairman, Mr K. N. Black. —Reuter.

